Blueprint Summary for {{value:summary\_unit\_name}}

(approx. {{value:acres}} acres)

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The Conservation Blueprint is a living spatial plan to conserve natural and cultural resources for future generations. Blueprint 2.2 identifies priority areas for shared conservation action based on ecosystem indicator condition and connectivity. More than 500 people from over 150 different organizations have actively participated in its development so far.

* For more information, [visit the Blueprint webpage](http://www.southatlanticlcc.org/blueprint/). On that page, you can [see who’s using the Blueprint](http://southatlanticlcc.org/blueprint-users) to inform conservation action and investment.
* If you want to overlay additional datasets, view indicator layers, and download Blueprint data, [visit the Conservation Planning Atlas (CPA)](http://salcc.databasin.org/).
* If you need help or have questions, contact South Atlantic staff by emailing [hilary\_morris@fws.gov](mailto:hilary_morris@fws.gov) or calling 919-707-0252. We’re here to support you. We really mean it. It’s what we do!
  + Do you have a question about the Blueprint?
  + Would you like help using the Blueprint to support a proposal or inform a decision?
  + Do you have a suggestion on how to improve the priorities? The Blueprint and indicators are regularly revised based on input from people like you.
  + Do you have feedback on how to improve the Simple Viewer interface?

Blueprint 2.2 is completely data-driven, based on ecosystem indicator models and a connectivity analysis. It prioritizes the lands and waters of the South Atlantic according to the current condition of the indicators. Better indicator condition suggests higher ecosystem integrity and higher importance for natural and cultural resources across all ecosystems collectively.

Blueprint Priorities

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## Priority categories

* Highest priority for shared action: the most important areas for natural and cultural resources based on indicator condition. This class covers 10% of the South Atlantic geography.
* High priority for shared action: important areas for natural and cultural resources based on indicator condition. This class covers an additional 15% of the South Atlantic geography; together, the highest and high priority categories cover 25%.
* Medium priority for shared action: above-average areas for natural and cultural resources based on indicator condition, capturing potential restoration opportunities. This class covers 20% of the South Atlantic geography; together, the highest, high, and medium priority categories cover 45%.
* Corridors: connections between large patches of highest priority areas and secured lands, optimized for efficiency and indicator condition in a least cost path analysis. This category covers an additional 5% of the South Atlantic geography; in total, the Blueprint covers 50%.
* Inland waterbodies: lakes, reservoirs, and ponds not included in the Blueprint 2.2 priorities.

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# Indicators

The indicators are the data building blocks of the Blueprint. They also serve as shared metrics of success for conservation in the South Atlantic. They are intended to capture both the natural and cultural resource components of ecosystem integrity. Ecosystem-specific indicators only apply within one distinct ecosystem. Cross-ecosystem indicators cover multiple ecosystems and capture the connections across terrestrial and aquatic systems.

The following tables summarize all the indicator values in this {{value:summary\_unit\_type}}. For some indicators, you’ll also see a threshold for good condition to help you interpret the indicator values. These thresholds are based on the best available science and reflect the range of indicator values that occur in healthy, functioning ecosystems. The good condition thresholds were initially defined in the [*State of the South Atlantic 2015*](http://www.southatlanticlcc.org/state-of-the-south-atlantic/). This report card measured the current condition of the indicators and used the thresholds to score the health of the region’s ecosystems. While good condition thresholds have not yet been defined for all indicators, all the indicators are used in the Blueprint.

## Ecosystem-specific indicators

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{{INDICATORS}}

# Threats

## Sea level rise

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## Urban growth

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# Partners

{{PARTNERS}}

# Ownership

## Conserved lands ownership

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